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Statement on BCSE Comments to the EPA on Proposed Clean Power Plan

Clean Energy Industries Support System-Wide Approach to Compliance that Use a Portfolio of Readily-Available Options

Washington, DC - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from President Lisa Jacobson on the submission of the Council's comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the proposed Clean Power Plan.

"The BCSE is pleased to submit its comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency on the proposed Clean Power Plan and supports efforts to take meaningful steps to address climate change at the federal level."

As data from the past several years has revealed, the mix of the US energy supply is changing rapidly, with low-carbon sources gaining market share. At the same time, energy consumption is down, despite overall economic growth. This demonstrates that the US can reduce greenhouse gas emissions without harming the US economy. The proposed Clean Power Plan recognizes these trends and seeks to build upon them.

BCSE provided comment on a wide range of design elements in the proposed Clean Power Plan, including cross-cutting issues as well as industry specific topics related to the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and natural gas.

Specifically, BCSE appreciates the inclusion of the following design elements into the proposed Clean Power Plan:

- A diverse portfolio of clean energy technologies that are available as compliance options;
- Prior investments and established programs that have reduced emissions;
- State flexibility in designing and implementing emission reductions, which is critical for cost-effective compliance;
- EPA's inclusion of both rate-based and mass-based approaches; and
- EPA's inclusion of the system-wide approach to compliance.

"The Council looks forward to continuing to work with policymakers at the state and federal levels as states begin to craft their compliance plans to reduce emissions."

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: www.bcse.org and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2014 edition for the latest industry information.